(vi) Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast two X-Ray machines are available at every point.

(vii) Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up at the airports is being done in a phased manner.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Report of high powered committee appointed by the Nepalese Government on hijacking of IA plane

3807. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nepal Government had appointed a high-powered committee probing into security lapse which led to the hijacking of Indian plane IC-814 in December, 1999;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has examined the report; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report of the Committee appointed by the Government of Nepal has not been made public so far.

Upgradation of Kargil airport

3808. SHRI ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kargil airport is being upgraded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when would regular civilian aircraft would fly to Kargil?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is developing a new